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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR

FOR BREMER FROM DAVIS

1. PRESIDENT HAS NOW SIGNED FOLLOWING LETTER WHICH IS
READY FOR DELIVERY TO PRESIDENT SIAD OF SOMALIA:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT WAS A PLEASURE TO
RECEIVE YOUR AMBASSADOR, MR. ABDULLAHI AHMED ADDOU, WHO
DELIVERED YOUR LETTER TO ME. IN OUR CONVERSATION WE
RECALLED THE GOOD MEETING YOU AND I HAD IN WASHINGTON A
YEAR AGO.

AS I SAID TO YOU ON THAT OCCASION, THE UNITED STATES
DESIRES GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT. I
AM PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU THAT IT IS A PRINCIPLE OF
YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW A POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. I
AM CONFIDENT SUCH A POLICY SHOULD FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE IMPROVED RELATIONS WE BOTH SEEK.

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PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST

REGARDS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

2. IN VIEW QUESTIONS SECRETARY HAS RAISED REGARDING SOMALIA
IN CONNECTION ITS POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE, WOULD APPRE-
CIATE YOUR INFORMING US WHETHER HE WOULD LIKE US TO HOLD
UP LETTER OR TO PROCEED WITH TRANSMITTING IT TO EMBASSY
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